

# RD8000™



## User Guide



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# Preface

## About this guide

This guide provides basic operating instructions for the RD8000 receiver and transmitter. Please read this guide in its entirety before attempting to operate the RD8000.

This guide is intended as a portable reference only. For detailed instructions, please refer to the RD8000 operation manual, which is available for download from [www.radiodetection.com](http://www.radiodetection.com). To download the manual go to the Library section, which is accessible via the menu; next go to Cable and Pipe Locators and then select User Manuals and click the RD8000 Operation Manual link.

The online User Manual library also contains links to the SurveyCERT™ and eCAL™ manuals.

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## Important notices

When reporting any problems to your Radiodetection Dealer or Supplier it is important to quote the unit serial number and the purchase date.


 **WARNING! This equipment is NOT approved for use in areas where hazardous gases may be present.**

 **WARNING! When using the transmitter, switch off the unit and disconnect cables before removing the battery pack.**

Reduce audio level before using the earpiece.

Batteries should be disposed of in accordance with your company's work practice, and/or any relevant laws or guidelines in your country.

This instrument, or family of instruments, will not be permanently damaged by reasonable electrostatic discharge and has been tested in accordance with IEC 801-2. However, in extreme cases temporary malfunction may occur. If this happens, switch off, wait and switch on again. If the instrument still malfunctions, disconnect the batteries for five seconds and then reinstall and switch the unit on.

 **WARNING!** The RD8000 will detect almost all buried conductors but there are some objects that do not radiate any detectable signal. The RD8000, or any other electromagnetic locator, cannot detect these objects so proceed with caution. There are also some live cables which the RD8000 will not be able to detect in Power mode. The RD8000 does not indicate whether a signal is from a single cable or from several in close proximity.

## Wireless technology compliance

Use of iLOC™ wireless technology may be subject to national telecommunication regulations. Check with your local government authorities for further information.

## FCC and Industry Canada statements

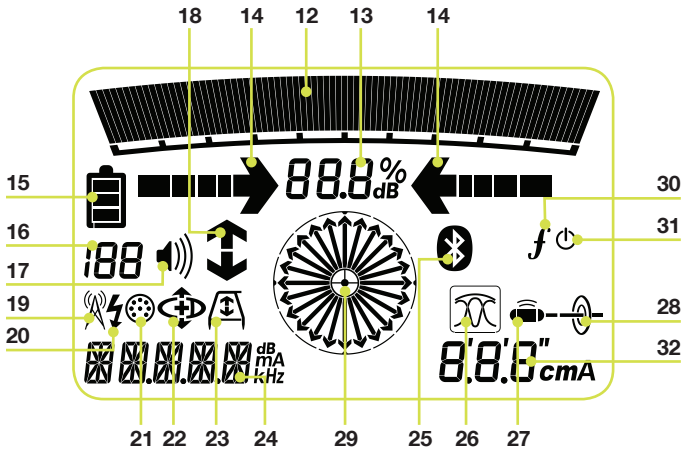
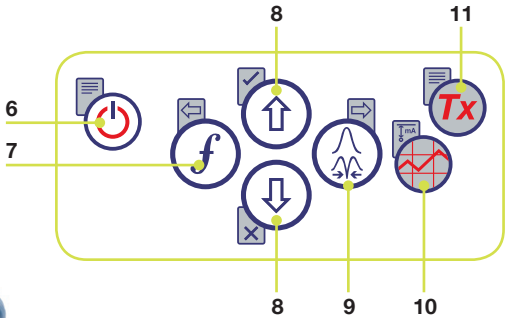
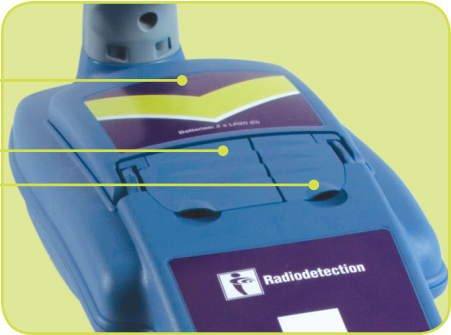
This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment. To comply with the FCC RD explore compliance requirements, this device and its antenna must not be co-located or operated in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

## Training

Radiodetection provides training services for most Radiodetection products. Our qualified instructors will train equipment operators or other personnel at your preferred location or at Radiodetection headquarters. For more information go to [www.radiodetection.com](http://www.radiodetection.com) or contact your local Radiodetection representative.

# RD8000 receiver



## Receiver features

1. Keypad.
2. LCD.
3. Battery compartment.
4. Accessory slot.
5. Headphone jack.

## Receiver keypad

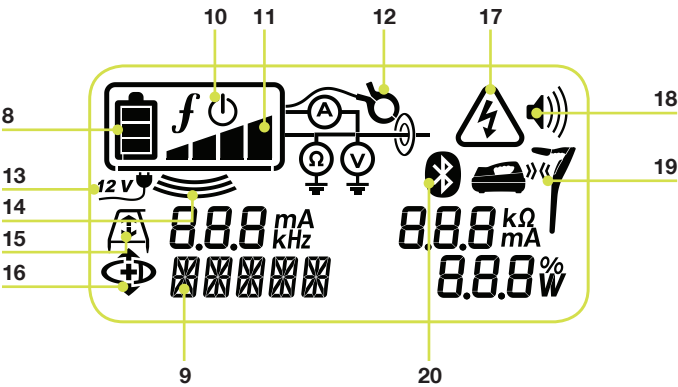
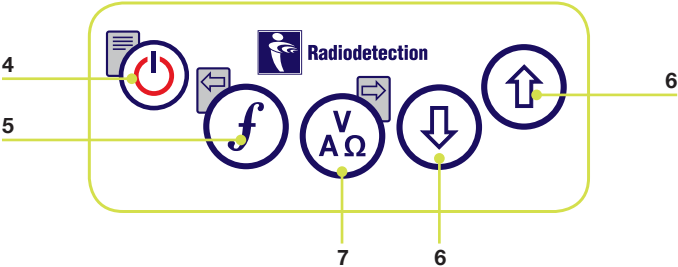
6. Power key: Switches the unit on and off. Opens the receiver menu.
7. *f* key: Selects frequency. Menu navigation key.
8. Up and down arrows: Adjusts the signal gain. Scrolls through the menu options.
9. Antenna key: Toggles peak, null and single antenna modes. Opens a submenu. Toggles between depth or current display on the LCD.
10. Graph key: Saves SurveyCERT™ measurements.
11. Transmitter: Sends iLOC™ commands on iLOC™ enabled receivers to iLOC™ enabled transmitters.

## Receiver screen icons

12. Indicates the signal strength and peak marker.
13. Signal strength: Numerical indication of signal strength. Microvolt reading in Fault-Find mode.
14. Peak arrows: Indicates the location of the line relative to the receiver.
15. Battery icon: Indicates the battery level.

16. Sensitivity and Log number: Displays the log number momentarily after a survey log is saved to memory.
17. Volume icon: Displays the volume level.
18. Current Direction arrows.
19. Radio Mode: Indicates when Radio Mode is active.
20. Power Mode: Indicates when Power Mode is active.
21. Accessory indicator: Indicates when an accessory is connected.
22. CD Mode icon: Indicates when Current Direction Mode is active.
23. A-Frame icon: Indicates when the A-Frame is connected.
24. Operating mode indicator.
25. *Bluetooth*® icon: Indicates status of *Bluetooth*® connection. Flashing icon means pairing is in progress. Solid icon indicates an established connection is active.
26. Null / Peak / Single Mode icon: Indicates antenna selection.
27. Sonde icon: Indicates that the signal source is from a sonde.
28. Line icon: Indicates that the signal source is from a line.
29. Compass: Shows the direction of the located cable relative to the receiver.
30. Tx status: Displays transmitter connection status.
31. Tx standby: Indicates that the transmitter is in Standby Mode.
32. Current / depth indicator.

# Tx1, Tx3 and Tx10 transmitters



## Transmitter features

1. Keypad.
2. LCD.
3. Removable accessory tray.

## Transmitter keypad

4. Power key: Switches the unit on and off. Opens the transmitter menu.
5. *f* key: Selects frequency. Menu navigation key.
6. Up and down arrows: Adjusts the output signal. Scrolls through the menu options.
7. Measure key: Toggles measurement display between volts, current and impedance. Note: displayed measurements are based on the currently selected mode or the attached accessory, if applicable. Opens a submenu.

## Transmitter screen icons

8. Battery icon: Indicates the battery level.
9. Alphanumeric description of selected operation mode.
10. Standby icon: Appears when the transmitter is in Standby Mode.
11. Output level: Displays transmitter output power.
12. Clamp icon: Indicates when a clamp is connected.
13. DC icon: Appears when the transmitter is powered from a DC source.
14. Induction indicator: Appears when the transmitter is in Induction Mode.
15. A-Frame (Tx3 and Tx10 only): Indicates when the transmitter is in Fault-Find Mode.

16. CD Mode indicator (Tx10 only): Indicates that the transmitter is in Current Direction Mode.
17. Voltage warning indicator: Indicates that the transmitter is outputting potentially hazardous voltage levels.
18. Volume icon: Displays the volume level.
19. Pairing icon (Tx 3B and Tx 10B only): Appears when the transmitter and receiver are connected via iLOC™
20. *Bluetooth*® icon (Tx 3B and Tx 10B only). Indicates status of *Bluetooth*® connection Flashing icon means pairing is in progress.

# Before you begin

**IMPORTANT! Please read this section before you attempt to operate the RD8000!**

## Starting the system

The receiver and transmitter are battery powered. Install good quality D-cell NiMH or Alkaline batteries into the receiver and transmitter battery compartments. Alternatively, you can power the transmitter from a mains or vehicle power source using a Radiodetection supplied adapter.

To switch the receiver or the transmitter on, press and hold the keypad Power Key for two seconds.

**NOTE:** Once the system is switched on, pressing the Power Key momentarily will activate the receiver or transmitter menu.

## System setup

It is important that you set up the system according to your personal preferences and operating requirements before you conduct your first survey. You can set the system up using the RD8000 menu as described below.

Before changing settings, ensure the receiver or transmitter is switched on by pressing the keypad Power Key for two seconds.

## Power / mains frequency


Select the correct frequency (50 or 60Hz) for your country or region's national power supply. To change power frequency on the transmitter and the receiver:

1. Press the Power Key momentarily to enter the menu,
2. Scroll to the POWER option using the arrow keys,
3. Press the Right arrow key to enter the POWER submenu,
4. Scroll up or down using the up and down arrows to select the correct frequency,
5. Press the Left arrow (*f* on the transmitter) to accept your selection and return to the main menu,
6. Press the Power Key to return to the main operation screen.



## Language

To select your preferred menu language:

1. Press the Power Key on the receiver momentarily to enter the menu,
2. Scroll to the LANG option using the arrow keys,
3. Press the Right arrow key ( on the transmitter) to enter the LANG submenu,
4. Scroll up or down using the up and down arrows to select your preferred language,
5. Press the Left arrow (*f* on the transmitter) to accept your selection and return to the main menu.
6. Press the Power Key to return to the main operation screen.


## Units

The RD8000 allows you to work in Metric or Imperial (US customary) units. To select your preferred units of measurements:

1. Press the Power Key momentarily to enter the menu,
2. Scroll to the UNIT option using the arrow keys,
3. Press the Right arrow key to enter the UNIT submenu,
4. Scroll up or down using the up and down arrows to select Metric or Imperial units,
5. Press the Left arrow to accept your selection and return to the main menu.
6. Press the Power Key to return to the main operation screen.

## Battery

The RD8000 receiver and transmitter support both NiMH or ALK batteries. It is important that you set the system to match the currently installed battery type to ensure optimal performance and correct battery level indication. To set your battery type:


1. Press the Power Key momentarily to enter the menu,
2. Scroll to the BATT option using the arrow keys,
3. Press the Right arrow key ( on the transmitter) to enter the BATT submenu,
4. Scroll up or down to select the correct battery type,
5. Press the Left arrow (*f* on the transmitter) to accept your selection and return to the main menu.
6. Press the Power Key to return to the main operation screen.

**The RD8000 is now ready to use.**

## Shutting down

To switch the receiver or the transmitter off, press and hold the keypad Power Key for two seconds.

# Using the menu

The RD8000 receiver and transmitter menus allow you to select or change system options. Once entered, the menu is navigated using the arrow keys. Navigation is consistent on both the transmitter and the receiver. When in the menu, most on-screen icons will temporarily disappear and the menu options will appear in the bottom left-hand corner of the LCD. Note that when browsing the receiver menu, the *f* and Antenna keys act as Left and Right arrows. When browsing the transmitter menu the *f* and  keys act as Left and Right arrows. The Right arrow enters a submenu and the Left arrow returns to the previous menu.

**Note:** When you select an option and press the Left arrow, the option will be enabled automatically.

## To navigate the receiver menu:

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1. First power up the receiver.
2. Press the Power button to enter the menu.
3. Use the Up and Down arrows to scroll through the menu options.
4. Press the Right arrow to enter the option's submenu.
5. Press the Left arrow to return to the previous level.
6. Press the Power Key to return to the main operation screen.

## Receiver menu options

- VOL: Adjusts the speaker volume from 0 (mute) to 3 (loudest).
- LOG: Delete, send or review saved SurveyCERT measurements. Only accessible when Bluetooth is switched on.
- BT: Enable, disable, reset or pair *Bluetooth®* connections.
- UNIT: Selects metric or imperial units.
- LANG: Selects your preferred system language.
- POWER: Selects national power frequency: 50 or 60Hz.
- FREQ: Enables or disables individual frequencies.
- ALERT: Enables or disables *StrikeAlert™*.
- BATT: Sets battery type. NiMH or ALK.

## Receiver Tx control menu (iLOC™ enabled models only)

The receiver's Tx menu allows you to send commands to the transmitter. The Tx menu is activated by pressing the the Tx key on the receiver. For more information on using iLOC™, please read the operation manual.

- TXOUT: Adjust the transmitter's power levels.

iLOC™ features include:

- SideStep™
- Power Management
- Frequency Select
- Transmitter Standby

## To navigate the transmitter menu:



1. First power up the transmitter.
2. Press the Power button to enter the menu.
3. Use the Up and Down arrows to scroll through the menu options.
4. Press the Right arrow to enter the option's submenu.
5. Press the Left arrow to return to the previous level or exit the menu.
6. Press the Power Key to return to the main operation screen.

## Transmitter menu options

- VOL: Adjusts the speaker volume from 0 (mute) to 3 (loudest).
- BT: Enable, disable or pair *Bluetooth*® connections.
- MAX V: Sets the output voltage.
- MODEL: Specifies the model of your RD8000 receiver.
- MAX P: Select a specific maximum output wattage.
- BATT: Sets battery type. NiMH or ALK.
- OPT F: Enables or disables SideStep<sup>auto</sup>™.
- LANG: Selects the transmitter system language.
- BOOST: Boosts transmitter output for a specified period of time (in minutes).
- FREQ: Enables or disables individual frequencies.

## Using accessories

Both the transmitter and receiver are compatible with a wide range of accessories, including all RD4000 accessories. Use clamps to help apply a signal to pipeline or live wire. Use an A-Frame to provide the RD8000 receiver with advanced fault-finding capabilities.

When an accessory is connected, the receiver or transmitter will instantly recognize it and will enable the mode appropriate to the accessory. For example, attaching an A-Frame to the RD8000 receiver will automatically switch the receiver to fault-find mode and limit the number of available frequencies to those that are compatible with the A-Frame. The LCD will also display an icon of the accessory and will remove any non-essential icons from the screen.

# Locating pipes and cables

## Passive Frequencies

Passive frequency detection takes advantage of signals that are already present on buried metallic conductors. The RD8000 supports four types of passive frequencies: power, radio, CPS and CATV signals. You can detect these frequencies without the aid of the transmitter.

## Active Frequencies

Active frequencies are applied direct to the pipe or cable using the transmitter. The transmitter can apply a signal using two methods: induction and direct connection.


### Induction

The transmitter is placed on the ground over or near the survey area. You select the appropriate frequency. The transmitter will then induce the signal indiscriminately to any nearby metallic conductor. In induction mode, using higher frequencies is generally recommended as they are induced easier onto nearby conductors.

### Direct connection

In direct connection, you connect the transmitter directly to the pipe or cable you wish to survey. The transmitter will then apply a discreet signal to the line, which you can locate using the receiver. This method provides the best signal on an individual line and enables the use of lower frequencies, which can be traced for longer distances.

Connecting the transmitter to a pipe or line requires the use of a direct connection lead or clamp and a ground stake to complete the circuit.

 **WARNING! Direct connection to live wires is POTENTIALLY LETHAL. Direct connections should be attempted by fully qualified personnel only!**

## Signal clamps

A signal clamp can apply a signal to a live line without breaking the connection. Signal clamps are connected to the transmitter's accessory socket. Radiodetection supplies a range of signal clamps to suit most applications. Note that the RD8000 is fully compatible with the RD4000 range of signal clamps.

## Stethoscopes

At times, it may not be possible to use a clamp around a cable because of congestion or inaccessibility. A stethoscope antenna should be used in place of a clamp to identify cables.

Radiodetection supplies a range of stethoscopes to suit most applications. As with signal clamps RD8000 is fully compatible with the R4000 range of stethoscopes.

To use a stethoscope, connect it to the receiver's accessory socket. The receiver will automatically detect the device and filter out location modes that are irrelevant.

# Bluetooth® features

The RD8000 features *Bluetooth*® wireless technology that allows use of SurveyCERT™ and iLOC™ (iLOC enabled systems only). To use these features, the RD8000 receiver must be paired with the transmitter (iLOC) or your PDA or PC (SurveyCERT™).

**NOTE:** For more information on *Bluetooth*® pairing and using SurveyCERT to analyze survey data, please refer to the RD8000 operation manual and the SurveyCERT™ manual, which are available from [www.radiodetection.com](http://www.radiodetection.com)

## SurveyCERT™

The RD8000 allows users to send locate data to a compatible PDA or computer using *Bluetooth*® wireless technology. To save measurements to SurveyCERT™ on your PDA you must first pair your PDA to the receiver. When used in the field with a GPS enabled PDA, the RD8000 receiver automatically adds positional data to the recorded locate log.

## Using iLOC™ (PXLB or PDLB only)

iLOC allows you to control the transmitter remotely using an advanced *Bluetooth*® connection. iLOC is controlled using the receiver's Tx menu, which is activated by pressing the Tx key. Below is a guide to pairing the receiver and the transmitter; for more information about using iLOC's features, please refer to the RD8000 operation manual, available from [www.radiodetection.com](http://www.radiodetection.com)

**NOTE:** The effective range of iLOC depends on a number of environmental factors. Operating in noisy or built up areas may reduce the range and performance.

## Pairing

To use iLOC, the transmitter and the receiver must be paired. The following procedure shows you the steps required on both the receiver and the transmitter to successfully pair them.

### On the receiver:


1. Power up the receiver,
2. Press the Power Key to enter the menu,
3. Scroll to the BT menu using the up and down arrows
4. Press the Right arrow to enter the BT menu,
5. Scroll to the PAIR menu using the up and down arrows and press Right arrow to enter the PAIR menu,
6. Scroll to the BT-TX option using the up and down arrows,
7. Press the Left arrow and the receiver will attempt to pair with the transmitter.

**NOTE** Select EXIT in the PAIR menu to cancel pairing.

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## On the transmitter:



1. Power up the transmitter,
2. Press the Power Key to enter the menu,
3. Scroll to the BT menu using the up and down arrows and press the  to enter the BT menu,
4. Scroll to the PAIR option using the up and down arrows,
5. Press the *f* key and the transmitter will attempt to pair with the receiver.

When pairing, the transmitter and receiver will display a flashing *Bluetooth®* icon.

When the pair is successful, the transmitter will display the pair icon and the receiver will display a persistent *Bluetooth®* icon for the duration of the connection.

Once paired you can now use iLOC's advanced features, such as SideStep and transmitter power control, as described by the RD8000 operation manual.

## Locating sondes

Sondes are self-contained, battery powered transmitters that are useful for tracking non-metallic pipes. The RD8000 can detect a range of sonde frequencies, including those transmitted by flexisondes and the P350 flexitrac™ crawler (visit [www.radiodetection.com](http://www.radiodetection.com) for more information on other Radiodetection products).

### To locate a sonde

1. Set up the sonde according to the sonde's user documentation. Make sure the sonde is sufficiently powered for the duration of the survey; note the sonde's operating frequency,
2. Deploy the sonde into the pipe or duct as required,
3. On the receiver, select the sonde frequency by pressing the *f* key until the desired frequency is displayed on the LCD and the sonde icon is visible,
4. Set the gain to approximately 60-80%,

A sonde radiates a peak field from the center of its axis with ghost signals at each side of the peak. Move the receiver to one side and then along the axis of the sonde forwards and backwards to detect the ghost signals.

Radiodetection recommends locating the ghost signals as finding them confirms the position of the main peak. To lose the ghost signals, reduce the sensitivity of the receiver; this should leave only the main peak signal detectable.

With the receiver sensitivity set as desired, propel the sonde along three or four meters and stop. Place the receiver over the estimated position of the sonde and:

1. Hold the receiver vertically with the blade in line with the sonde,
2. Move the receiver backwards and forwards with the blade's orientation parallel to the sonde,
3. Stop when the bar graph indicates a clear peak,

4. Rotate the receiver until the blade's orientation is perpendicular to the sonde, stop when the bar graph indicates a clear peak,
5. Move the receiver from side to side until the bar graph indicates a clear peak.

When the receiver locates a peak signal, it will automatically calculate the depth of the sonde. Observe the depth reading while moving the receiver from side to side; the lowest reading will be the correct location.

Repeat each step in smaller increments with the receiver blade resting on or near the ground. The receiver should now be directly above the sonde with the blade in line with the sonde; mark this position.

Propel the sonde a further three to four meters along the pipe to pinpoint its location. Mark the location as required. Repeat the procedure along the route at similar intervals. Note, while tracking the sonde, altering the receiver's sensitivity is not required unless the pipe's depth, or the distance between receiver and sonde changes.

## **Fault-finding**

The RD8000 PDL and PDLB have the ability to detect cable faults accurately using an accessory A-Frame. Fault-finding works by detecting signal to ground bleeding caused by damaged cable sheaths. For a detailed guide to fault-finding, please refer to the RD8000 operation manual.

## **Service and Maintenance**

Use eCAL™ to determine if your RD8000 receiver is still within its original factory calibration settings. For more information visit [www.radiodetection.com](http://www.radiodetection.com)

The receiver and transmitter are designed so that they do not require regular calibration. However, as with all safety equipment, it is recommended that they are serviced at least once a year either at Radiodetection or an approved repair center.

Radiodetection products, including this user guide, are under continuous development and are subject to change without notice. Go to [www.radiodetection.com](http://www.radiodetection.com) or contact your local Radiodetection representative for the latest information regarding the RD8000 or any Radiodetection product.

# Warranty

Subject to the conditions set out herein, Radiodetection Limited expressly and exclusively provides the following warranty to original end user buyers of Radiodetection products. Radiodetection products includes Radiodetection, Pearpoint, Telespec, Bicotest, Riser Bond, Dielectric, Mark Products and Warren G-V brands. Radiodetection hereby warrants that its products shall be free from defects in material and workmanship for one year starting from point of sale to end customer. Extensions of this warranty period are available where the same terms and conditions apply.

Product families include:

- Cable & Pipeline Location
- Trenchless
- Water Leak Detectors
- Pipeline Integrity
- Pipeline Video Inspection
- Ground Penetrating Radar
- Cable Test
- Cable Dryers

To register for an extended warranty (3 years) go to:  
[www.radiodetection.com/support/warranty](http://www.radiodetection.com/support/warranty)

## Statement of warranty conditions

The sole and exclusive warranty for any Radiodetection product found to be defective is repair or replacement of the defective product at Radiodetection's sole discretion. Repaired parts or replacement products will be provided by Radiodetection on an exchange basis and will be either new or refurbished to be functionally equivalent to new.

In the event this exclusive remedy is deemed to have failed of its essential purpose, Radiodetection's liability shall not exceed the purchase price of the Radiodetection product. In no event will Radiodetection be liable for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, consequential or punitive damages (including lost profit) whether based on warranty, contract, tort or any other legal theory.

Warranty services will be provided only with the original invoice or sales receipt (indicating the date of purchase, model name and dealer's name) within the

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## **This warranty does not cover:**

- a. periodic maintenance and repair or parts replacement due to wear and tear
- b. consumables (components that are expected to require periodic replacement during the lifetime of a product such as non-rechargeable batteries, bulbs, etc.)
- c. damage or defects caused by use, operation or treatment of the product inconsistent with its intended use
- d. damage or changes to the product as a result of:
  - i. misuse, including: - treatment resulting in physical, cosmetic or surface damage or changes to the product or damage to liquid crystal displays
  - ii. failure to install or use the product for its normal purpose or in accordance with RD instructions on installation or use
  - iii. failure to maintain the product in accordance with RD instructions on proper maintenance
  - iv. installation or use of the product in a manner inconsistent with the technical or safety laws or standards in the country where it is installed or used
  - v. virus infections or use of the product with software not provided with the product or incorrectly installed software
  - vi. the condition of or defects in systems with which the product is used or incorporated except other 'RD products' designed to be used with the product
  - vii. use of the product with accessories, peripheral equipment and other products of a type, condition and standard other than prescribed by RD
- viii. repair or attempted repair by persons who are not RD warranted and certified repair houses
- ix. adjustments or adaptations without RD's prior written consent, including:
  - i. upgrading the product beyond specifications or features described in the instruction manual, or
  - ii. modifications to the product to conform it to national or local technical or safety standards in countries other than those for which the product was specifically designed and manufactured
- x. neglect e.g. opening of cases where there are no user replaceable parts
- xi. accidents, fire, liquids, chemicals, other substances, flooding, vibrations, excessive heat, improper ventilation, power surges, excess or incorrect supply or input voltage, radiation, electrostatic discharges including lighting, other external forces and impacts.

## Notes

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